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TO AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM NIACT IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA

1. WESTERN FIVE CONTACT GROUP, SWAPO, AND FRONT-LINE STATES ARE TO MEET IN LUANDA BEGINNING MONDAY, JULY 10 AND WE ARE HOPEFUL MEETING WILL PRODUCE FINAL AGREEMENT ON WESTERN PROPOSAL.

2. BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE MISUNDERSTANDING AS TO WHO SHOULD INVITE FRONT-LINE STATES IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER BOTSWANA WILL BE REPRESENTED AT LUANDA MEETING. EMBASSY GABORONE REPORTS FOREIGN MINISTER MOGWE AND ALL OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS ARE OUT OF COUNTRY. WE BELIEVE MOGWE, WHO WAS IN
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LONDON, MAY HAVE ARRIVED KHARTOUM BY NOW FOR OAU MEETING.

3. BOTH LONDON AND KHARTOUM SHOULD TRY TO GET IN TOUCH WITH MOGWE, OR IN HIS ABSENCE SENIOR BOTSWANA OFFICIAL, EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE OF LUANDA MEETING, AND ASK THAT BOTSWANA ENSURE REPRESENTATION AT LUANDA MEETING. ALL OTHER FRONT-LINE STATES AND SWAPO HAVE CONFIRMED THEIR

ATTENDANCE.

4. FYI WE CONSIDER PRESENCE OF BOTSWANA, WHICH HAS ALREADY
ACCEPTED WESTERN PROPOSAL, OF VITAL IMPORTANCE. VANCE

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